for this exercise. The objective of this exercise is to attract substantial private investment and upgrade these airports to international class.

(c) AAI has appointed a financial consultant to advise in the process of privatisation through long-term lease. The selection and appointment of a legal consultant is in progress.

Concessions offered in IA and AI

5339. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of different types of concessions extended to different categories by Government for those travelling in Indian Airlines and Air India flights;

(b) whether there is any fare concession for senior citizens and handicapped persons; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) Details of discount offered to different categories of passengers by Indian Airlines are: (i) Concession to Armed Forces, Ex-Armed Forces Recipients of Highest Bravery Award, General Reserve Engineering Force Personnel, War Disabled Officers and War Widows; (ii) Promotional fares for Civilians—Recipient of Gallantary Award, Family Fare on Calcutta—Port Blair, Chennai Port Blair routes, Senior Citizen Discount (50%), Sports Persons discount, Student Concession, (iii) Concessions to Blind Persons (50%), Cancer Patients, Invalid Passenger—Stretcher cases, Locomotor Disability cases and (iv) Promotional Fares on Dollar Tariff such as Discover India Fares, India Wonder Fares, Ships Crew Fare (Individual) and Youth Fare.

Air India has various Promotional and Special Fares available on all international sectors which are considerably cheaper than normal fares. Air India has also competitive market fares for international and domestic travel, which are also applicable to the physically handicapped/blind citizens.

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5340. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the R.C. Jain Committee was originally set up to look into the death of a small girl in an escalator at IGIA;